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Sarah Hanson: Planning, Transport & Public Protection

Dear Mr Taylor

RE: PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES AT THE MUSEUM OF ENGLISH RURAL LIFE, REDLANDS ROAD, READING - SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION AREA STATUS.

Thank you for Tree Works Notice of 4 July 2025, relating to the above.

During our meeting of 17 July 2025 we went through the works, as detailed on the 'Tree works requirements' table, amending and adding a few elements, as specifically listed below. All works (subject to amendments) are considered reasonable management of the trees on site.

Following our meeting you advised of the unfortunate partial collapse (loss of a limb) of 02PY mature Mulberry and revised specifications for this tree were received on 29 July 2025; the tree works notice considered as amended in relation to this tree.

I can confirm that the Council have no objections to the following proposed tree work:

Work as listed on the 'Tree works requirements' table dated July 2025, with the following amendments and additions:

- 02PM Maple - remove one low branch due to squirrel damage or reduce if considered feasible:



low branch on 02PM Maple

- 02PX-04KX - amendment of 'crown lift over the road 6m, 3m over lawn' to: 'crown lift to 3m over lawn and prune back to road (emergency access) edge up to 6m above ground level'
- 02PY Mulberry - listed work amended to: reduce northern crown to a pollard-like structure reducing the regrowth from previous works back to between 100 and 150mm from the trunk as indicated in the first picture below; reduce the southern crown regrowth from previous pruning by 1-2m to appropriate pruning points as indicated in second picture below



This decision is valid for two years from the date of this letter, after which it lapses.

The works can now be carried out.

It was noted that green waste had been deposited in the south-west corner of the garden, between the Holm oak and Sycamore - it would be prudent for this to be moved and for those working in the garden to avoid leaving waste here in the future to prevent conditions suitable for fungal growth:



Informatives

1. Disturbance of wildlife: It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) to disturb roosting bats or nesting birds. It is advisable to consult your tree surgeon/consultant to agree an acceptable time for carrying out any work. Wildlife and habitat controls are administered by Natural England who can be contacted on 0300 060 3900; enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk

2. Removal of dead or dangerous wood: This does not require the formal consent of the Council. However you are encouraged to give 5 working days in advance of removing dead wood. Where a branch is deemed to be 'dangerous', i.e. where works are 'urgently necessary to remove an immediate risk of serious harm', please give notice to the Council 'as soon as practicable after the works become necessary'.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Hanson

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